

THE
S P E E C H

Of the RECORDER of Oxford,
to His Majesties at his Entrance
into that City.

Most Gracious Sovereign;

I Have Read in the Roman History that Marius was wont to say, That he that durst speak to Cæsar, was ignorant of his Greatness: And he that durst not speak to him, was Ignorant of his Goodness: Of the latter whereof we and all your People have had so large Experience, that I am emboldened to beg the stay of the Wheels of your Chariot for some few minutes, and that I may find so much favour in the sight of my Lord the King, as to speak a few Words in the Name of the Loyal Citizens of this place, which is but to let Your Majesty understand the infinite Joy and Gladness, wherewith their Hearts are filled, in beholding the Royal Presence of Your Self, and our most gracious Queen in this place; I say, to behold You after so many Wicked Designs of Bloody and Unreasonable men against Your Royal Person; and the many and singular Deliverances of You from them, (for which the Name of God be praised) here at this time in the heart of Your Dominions Reigning in Glory and Safety is a Joy so unspeakable to all true English Hearts, That if I had an hundred Tongues I could not be able to express it.

And that you should at this time make this City the Royal Chamber and place of the Reception

tion of Your Parliament, ^{It} is a Grace and Favor
ever by us to be Recorded in the Register of
Time and Fame.

And we have ~~that~~ ^{may} prove as suspicious
to Your Majesty for that purpose as any other
place whatsoever, notwithstanding any surmises
that have been made to the contrary, since
there has been Famous and Good Parliaments
held here, as might be proved by our Ancient Re-
cords and Histories, if there were time to do it.
But Great Sir, we must not presume to be too te-
dious in so great a Presence, especially after your
long and tedious Progress this day, and there-
fore I shall presume to say little more, but for all
the good you have done us, what can we render
to you again? Aristotle saith, we can never ren-
der equal things to God and our Parents; You
are the Blessed Father of our Country, and under
the shadow of Your Royal Protection, we do in-
joy all our Rights, both Religious and Civil and
confess that our Obligations are greater than our
Acknowledgments can be. Yet such as they are we
beseech your Gracious acceptance of them; we
have also one Present more to make to Your Ma^y,
which is our Prayers devoted to Your Service,
and we prostrate all the Ensigns of Authority
which we hold under You at Your feet, and shall
become daily Votaries to Heaven. That our
Gracious Sovereign Lord, King Charles the
Second may long and happily Reign over us,
and may always be a Terror to his Foes, and
to all his Good and Loyal People a Tow-
er of Defence, and let all Good People say
AMEN.

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